

REMARKS

Applicants respectively request rejoinder of withdrawn claims 17-34 of Group II and 35-103 of Group III.

Withdrawn claims 17-34 of Group II include the distinguishing limitations of allowed claim 1 of elected Group I. Each of the withdrawn claims 35-80 of Group III depend, either directly or indirectly, from one of the allowed claims 1 and 14. Also, each of the withdrawn claims 81-103 of Group III depend, either directly or indirectly, from withdrawn claim 17 of Group II which, as stated above, include the distinguishing limitations of allowed claim 1 of elected Group 1.

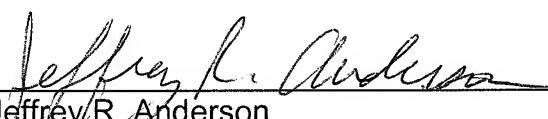
Therefore, Applicants respectively request the removal of the restriction requirement restricting out Groups II and III, and the rejoinder and allowance of claims 17-103 with allowed claims 1-16 of Group I.

Respectfully submitted,

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